tance of Rs. 176.17 crores released to various States, UTs.

With a view to accelerate the Water Supply in urban areas with less than 20,000 population, a new centrally sponsored, Accelerated Urban Water Supply Scheme has been included in the 8th Plan.

**Implementation of NCR Plans**

1500. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URABAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to ensure speedy implementation of the National Capital Region (NCR) plans by decongesting Delhi and shifting offices of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to the neighbourng States:

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the PSUs are resisting the move to shift their offices in the NCR outside Delhi by turning down the advices: and

(d) what action Government propose to take to effectively implement the NCR plan to decongest Delhi within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that the NCR Plan has not been made any headway. The NCR Regional Plan 2001 came into force only in January, 1989. Thereafter a detailed investment of plan for Eighth Five Year Plan was approved by NCR Planning Board.

(c) Some Public Sector Undertakings have requested for reconsideration of the decision to shift their offices outside Delhi.

(d) The Regional Plan 2001 for National Capital Region envisages decentralisaton of those wholesale trades which are hazardous in nature by developing suitable locations outside Delhi. The proposal is to be further elaborated in the Subregional Plan of Delhi. No definite time frame for the implementation of the proposal can be indicated.

**Charter of demands submitted by Slum dwellers**

1501. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Ministrr of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Charter of Demands from the slum dwellers of Bhopal in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No Charter of Demands has been received from the slum dwellers of Bhopal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**बिहार की राजधानी पटना के विकास के लिए योजना**

1502. **श्री गया सिंह** : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा बिहार की राजधानी पटना के विकास के लिए कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं आरम्भ की गई हैं ;

(ख) उनकी वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है; और

(ग) उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा बिहार में ऐसे कौन-कौन से शहर हैं जिनके और सुधार और विकास के लिए उनका कोई अध्ययन किया गया है ?

**शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पी०के० थुंगन)** (क) से (ग) शहरी विकास राज्य का विषय है तथा इस मंत्रालय के पास राज्यों और संघ राज्य क्षत्रों को देने के लिए कोई अलग कोष नहीं है। इस मंत्रालय ने बिहार राज्य के पटना शहर के लिए कोई विकास योजनाएं स्वीकृत नहीं की है। शहरी विकास मंत्रालय ने बिहार राज्य में किसी शहर का अध्ययन नहीं किया है।

**Availability of Timber in the country**

1503. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of timber available in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reduce the use of timber in its public building programmes;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any alternatives have been explored as substitute for timber; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) According to the State of Forest Report, 1987, the estimated sustainable annual production of timber from forests is 12.0 million cubic metre:

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The cutting of trees for use of timber in construction industry leads to depletion of forest cover, resulting in ecological degradation. Therefore, such a decision was taken with the objective of environmental preservation.

(d) Yes, Sir, a number of substitutes based on agroindustrial wastes, Cement, PVC and metal composites have been developed as suitable alternatives for different types of building applications.

(e) Various agro-industrial waste materials like rice-husk, cotton stalk, jute stick, bagasse, red mud coir fibre sisal fibre are being utilised for the manufacture of alternative reconstituted panel board to replace timber. Other materials such as plastic, iron & steel, Cement Concrete, aluminium and ferro cmeent are also being manufactured and used for replacing timber components in the construction of houses for various categories.

**सरोजनी नगर, नई दिल्ली स्थित केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग के सामने बने हुए पाकेट की शोचनीय स्थिति**

1504. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरोजनी नगर स्थित केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग के कार्यालय के निकट ब्लाक "ए" में बने हुए आवासीय क्वार्टरों के बीच स्थित पार्क की स्थिति शोचनीय बनी हुई है और वहां पर आवारा पशु घूमते रहते हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन पार्कों में भवन सामग्री का ढेर लगा रहता है जिससे वहां रहने वाले लोगों को अत्यधिक असुविधा हो रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो दोषी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाई की गई है और इन पार्कों के नियमित रख-रखाव को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?